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Evers is special guest for Sun Prairie Band O’Rama

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers is among invited guests for the annual Band O’Rama Monday evening that brings together more than 750 band students from throughout the Sun Prairie Area School District.

The event opens at 7 p.m. in the high school field house with all 17 of the district’s concert bands playing the national anthem. The bands are from Patrick Marsh and Prairie View Middle Schools, Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School, and Sun Prairie High School. Shelley Joan Weiss, district summer school director, will introduce Evers following the anthem.

Evers will address parents, band members, and other guests, reminding them of the importance of community support in helping students develop their musical skills, including self-discipline, critical thinking, creativity, and a sense of teamwork. He will bring special greetings to Chris Gleason, Patrick Marsh Middle School music teacher, Wisconsin’s Middle School Teacher of the Year, and a finalist for the National Teacher of the Year program. Additionally Evers will extend special congratulations to the Sun Prairie High School Jazz I Ensemble, under the direction of Steve Sveum. The ensemble will be among 15 groups performing at the Essential Ellington Competition in New York City in May.

A community tradition since at least the 1970’s, this year’s Band O’Rama celebrates community through a clothing and donation drive to benefit Sunshine Place in Sun Prairie. Clothing, accessories, handbags, shoes, and linens will be collected at the main entrance to the school before and during the program.

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WHO: State Superintendent Tony Evers
Sun Prairie Area School District Concert Bands

WHAT: Sun Prairie Bands – Band O’Rama

WHEN: 7 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2017

WHERE: Sun Prairie High School Field House
888 Grove Street, Sun Prairie